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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Toyomi SHIBA

Art Unit: 3682

Application No.: 09/921,996

Examiner: M. Charles

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For: BELT FOR CONTINUOUSLY VARIABLE TRANSMISSION

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 21, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated October 18, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph extending from page 13, line 23 to page 14, line 6 with the following new paragraph:

--As described above, when the shock acting on the front ends b of the lower faces 38U, 38U of the ear as viewed in the travel direction has been buffered by the resilient deformation of the retainers 44, 44, a shock acting on a reaction to the rear ends a of the saddle faces 38L, 38L as viewed in the travel direction is also buffered. Thus, the wear of the metal belt is 15 can be prevented by a simple structure in which